

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

In 1982, legislation was enacted to establish the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program. The program is designed as an insurance program for the counties to cover the cost of treatment for catastrophic illness suffered by county residents who have no means to pay for the cost of that care. The program picks up the additional medical costs of these residents once the counties' claim payments have exceeded \$11,000 during a 12-month period. Legislation was enacted in 1991 to shift the program from county to state funding in FY 1994.

The CAT fund is governed by an administrative board, which is made up of a county commissioner representative from each of the six districts in Idaho, one Governor's appointee, 4 legislators, two from the Senate and two from the House, as appointed by the legislative leadership (2 Democrats and 2 Republicans), and a representative of the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare. Each Commissioner serves a two-year term, is elected by the County Commissioners of their district, and can serve as many consecutive terms as their constituents wish; the Governor's appointee serves at the pleasure of the Governor; the Health & Welfare representative serves at the pleasure of the Director of the Dept. of Health & Welfare; and Legislators serve at the pleasure of their leadership. The Board meets approximately every six to eight weeks or as necessary for the administration of the CAT fund.

A contract administrator carries out the day-to-day business of administrating the CAT program. The contract administrator sees to the processing of all CAT cases, from initial case review to presenting them to the CAT board for determination to the processing of payment of all medical bills received from the counties. The contract administrator works closely with the social service directors and clerks of each county to facilitate payment of medical claims and to reconcile reimbursement payments received from patients. The contract administrator also assists the board chairman with the yearly requests for appropriation to the legislature and all other financial reporting and agency management. The contract administrator has recently renewed the contract with the Board of Directors effective September 1, 2014 for one year.

Each year it is a challenge to meet the ever growing needs of the medical providers on behalf of the citizens of Idaho due to increasing health care costs. The Board of Directors makes every attempt to protect both county and state taxpayer dollars. The legislature made permanent this year a 5% discount on all medical charges. Other savings through the use of PCIP can also be reported for a savings estimate of over \$7 million in general funds. This allowed for a stable growth pattern over the first 2 fiscal years and a decline in case load at both the county and the state level for fiscal 2013. The board is further anticipating a spending decrease due to the implementation of the state Health Exchange. Taking those between 100% and 138% of federal poverty level. While case load seems to be flattening out, spending is on a much slower decline.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The purpose of the CAT fund is to assist in covering providers' expenses when patients are defined as medically indigent. These indigents qualify first through the counties and the counties pay the first \$11,000.00 of each indigent's medical bills. The counties then submit the cases to the CAT fund for consideration of payment. After a review by the Board of Directors, through the contract administrator, the CAT fund pays bills that exceed \$11,000.00 during a 12-month period. Chapter 35, Title 31, Idaho Code.

Budgeting for 2016

Estimates for fiscal year 2016, will be slightly lower using the customary assumptions based on historical data and including adjustments based on anticipated program declines outlined above.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY2011	FY 2012	FY2013	FY2014
CAT Health Care - General	\$22,267,700	\$35,337,700	<u>\$36,532,800</u>	\$34,830,100
Negative appropriation				(6,430,773)
CAT Health Care - Other	<u>\$ 3,573,086</u>	<u>\$ 3,248,097</u>	<u>\$ 3,797,675</u>	<u>\$ 2,931,213</u>
Total	\$26,169,286	\$38,585,797	<u>\$40,330,475</u>	\$37,761,313

Expenditures		FY 2013		
Operating Expenditures	\$ 186,358	\$ 292,087	<u>\$ 365,310</u>	\$ 382,436
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$31,044,251	\$38,293,696	<u>\$30,718,074</u>	\$28,005,999
Total	<u>\$31,230,608.99</u>	<u>\$38,585,783</u>	<u>\$31,061,384</u>	<u>\$28,388,435</u>

(Note: Revenue does not include noncogs and receipts to appropriation.)

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY2014
Payments for medical services (Inc. PCIP)	\$31,044,251	\$38,293,696	\$30,718,074	\$28,005,999
No. of New CAT Cases Fiscal year	1286	1292	1150	1108
Cost per case	28,448*	25,351	26,711	25,276

Performance Highlights:

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-3504, an automatic lien is attached to all real and personal property of the applicant and on insurance benefits to which the applicant may become entitled. This statute has created additional funding to be used by the counties and the CAT fund for the increasing medical costs and needs of the indigent citizens of Idaho. This is reported as 'Reimbursements Received'

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2011	2012	2013	2014	Benchmark
1. To pay medical bills for qualified medically indigent persons exceeding \$11,000	Paid \$31,044,251. in claims for 1333 indigents	Paid \$38,293,696 In claims for 1292 indigents	Paid \$30,718,074 In claims for 1150 indigents	Paid \$28,005,999 In claims for 1108 indigents	To pay \$34,966,300 in claims for 1200 indigents.
2. Administer the fees and costs paid.	\$186,358	\$292,087	\$364,310	\$382,436	\$385,000
3. Obtain reimbursement from counties on behalf of the indigents.	Received \$ 2,310,991	Received \$ 2,726,507	Received \$ 2,222,516	Received \$2,525,675	To receive \$2,500,000

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